

Department of Finance & Tax

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and the guidance from the Centers for Disease Control, the Grand Forks County Commission has approved vote by mail for the November 3, 2020 General Election, which is the same process as absentee voting. The Commission also approved in-person voting at an Early Voting Precinct and a Vote Center on Election Day.

If you choose to vote by mail the application is on the reverse side of this letter. Please complete all information on the application including your date of birth, driver's license number and phone number, if available, **sign** and return to:

Grand Forks County Auditor PO Box 5726 Grand Forks, ND 58206-5726

Other options for returning the application are: drop off at the Official Ballot Drop Box located on the east side of the County Office Building, 151 S 4th St, in the parking ramp; scan and email to elections@gfcounty.org; or fax to 701-780-8207.

The application should be returned as soon as possible. A ballot will be sent on or after September 24, 2020, depending on when the application is received. Absentee ballots must be received in the Official Ballot Drop Box or postmarked by November 2, 2020, the day before Election Day.

The Alerus Center has been designated as the poll that is open on Election Day. The Alerus Center will be open from 7:00am - 7:00pm for all qualified voters of Grand Forks County. There will also be an Early Voting Precinct open at the Alerus Center. Dates and times the Precinct will be open: October 26^{th} - 30^{th} and November 2^{nd} from 10:00am - 6:00pm and October 31^{st} from 10:00am - 3:00pm.

Please realize there may be long lines at the poll on Election Day and we will do everything in our power to reduce the risk of spreading the coronavirus. If you decide to vote in person, wearing a mask is strongly encouraged for the health and safety of the pollworkers and the voters.

I hope you consider voting by mail.

If you have any questions or if you are willing to be a pollworker, please call 701-780-8200.

Sincerely, Debbie Nelson, Grand Forks County Auditor